

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: michael mccoramck <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:08:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: michael mccoramck <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re dsitricting

Message Body:

I urge you to please keep our santa Barbara County as s whole district. We do not like it split up as we govern and socially enjoy oursleves as a contiguous geographic community.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Santa Barbara and Ventura County redistricting

From: "Douglas J. Mackenzie, M.D." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 08:11:12 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

The initial redistricting of the Central Coast Assembly and Senate Districts needs to be reworked. Please do the right thing by keeping one Assembly district to Santa Barbara County and two to Ventura County. The 33rd district is best reserved to Monterey County, and should not be drawn to cut Santa Barbara in half.

Douglas Mackenzie, M.D.
Santa Barbara

Subject: Santa Barbara County Redistricting

From: Gina Perry <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:19:47 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The citizens of Santa Barbara County have suffered a long time from inadequate representation due to gerrymandering.

I am writing to you today to request you keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd District north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Gina Perry

[REDACTED]

Montecito, CA 93108

Subject: SB County redistricting

From: bill Freudenstein <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 08:53:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please keep SB county whole in the redistricting - Ventura in two parts. Bill Freudenstein

Subject: S.B. County

From: "Havlik, Jeff" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:09:02 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Please do not split S.B. County. We have been split and gerrymandered for decades. Let us vote as a block.

J. Jeffery Havlik
Real Property Agent III

[REDACTED]

Subject: Santa Barbara area Districts

From: "Frank Marino" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:10:52 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Board members:

I am out of town or I would definitely attend your next public forum. I do commend you for holding open meetings on this vital topic.

As you are well aware the Central Coast has received much shameful national commentary for the infamous "ribbon of shame".

You solely have the opportunity to bring some sound reasoning to the map. I appreciate that drawing lines to meet the population shifts is a tricky task. Nevertheless it seems possible that common sense must prevail this time as your final decision will last for ten more years.

I represent many property owners along the coast. We are fortunate to live here and all are willing to pay their taxes to keep the area's public services. This would be very difficult if the elected representatives, with divergent constituencies, were covering divided counties.

I strongly urge you to find a way to keep Santa Barbara County whole for the purposes of both State offices and the House of Representative seat.

Sincerely,

Frank Marino J.D.

[REDACTED]

Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Subject: Santa Barbara County Redistricting

From: "Deacon, John" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 07:08:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

All:

I'm am opposed to splitting Santa Barbara County into 2 separate districts. Please make the necessary adjustments to allow this County to remain in one piece.

John M. Deacon
Senior Project Advisor
SCS Tracer Environmental

[REDACTED]
Santa Maria, CA 93455

[REDACTED] ext 101
[REDACTED] fax
[REDACTED] cell

Subject: redistricting

From: "patt" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:42:11 GMT

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC:

To all concerned,

There are large numbers of us who know that the fairest way to treat the tri-counties is to keep Santa Barbara as a district in itself, make two districts out of Ventura County and give SLO its own districts or add parts of Monterey County to it.

Patt Wardlaw

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Jim Perry" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:42:36 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I strongly urge you to keep SB County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Give the Central Coast a fighting chance. We want a voice and that voice should represent our county.

James Perry
Santa Maria CA, 93455

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:40:25 -0500 (CDT)

To: [REDACTED]

We urge you to do the right thing in regard to redistricting.

It makes good sense to have one Assembly District in SB County and two in Ventura County. The 33rd SLO District could go north along the coast in Monterey County vs cutting Santa Barbara County in half. Please keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Kunkle

[REDACTED]

Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Subject: Redistricting

From: Elaine Bashford <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:52:58 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

It is imparitive that that Santa Barbara County be whole and move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

The 33rd SLO District should go north along the coast in Monterey County verses cutting SLO in half.

We need this to represent all citizens in our elections!!!!

THANK YOU

Subject: Redistricting

From: Robert D Gleason <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:03:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please do not cut Santa Barbara County in half. This makes no sense at all. How can a County function when it is divided?

District #33 can be moved to the North, much easier than breaking up a County.

Registered Voters

Anita Gleason

Bob Gleason

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Debbie Isbell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:13:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I support Mike Stoker on creating a fair and balanced Assembly district. Please keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make 2 Assembly Districts in Ventura County. I am unable to attend this hearing, but I want my voice heard.

Sincerely,
Debbie Isbell concerned citizen of SB County

Subject: Redistricting Santa Barbara County

From: "Ed and Anne Goulart" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:39:17 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission:

As citizens and residents of Carpinteria, we urge you to keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Please be objective commissioners committed to doing the right thing,

Sincerely,

Ed and Anne Goulart

[REDACTED]
Carpinteria, CA 93013
[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: susan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:47:23 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

I strongly urge you to keep SB County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Quit selling out the Central Coast. We want a voice and that voice should represent our county.

Susan Perry
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Subject: Redistricting in Santa Barbara County

From: Randall Fox <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:37:05 -0400

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

Please reconsider and refine the state senate boundaries and state assembly boundaries in Santa Barbara County.

Your big picture work statewide is done but there are edges that would benefit from refinement. Two of these are the districts proposed for Santa Barbara County. Our county should not be split between two districts. The City of Lompoc should not be split between 2 districts.

A potential solution to the current plan which splits SB County would be to keep SB County in one district and move the proposed 33rd district so that it goes north along the Monterey County coast. On balance I believe this would be a better plan.

Thank you for your attention to this and work for all of us.

Randall Fox
Reetz, Fox & Bartlett LLP
[REDACTED]
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: "Tricia Dixon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:04:20 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Regarding the meeting for the citizens' redistricting commission public hearing tonight, I would like to give my input.

I recommend that Santa Barbara County should stay as a whole district, and that the 33rd district would be Monterey County, then make two Assembly districts in Ventura County.

Thanks you for considering my opinion

Tricia Dixon
Goleta, CA

Subject: redistricting

From: "Roberta MacKenzie" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 09:23:30 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission -

Please have one assembly district in Santa Barbara county....and two in Ventura. Do NOT cut Santa Barbara County in half. The 33rd SLO District could go North along the coast in Monterey County. It is so unfair the way it now stands.

Roberta MacKenzie

Subject: Redistricting for Lompoc, CA

From: RobertManning <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:18:39 -0400

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission

I am sending this email to protest the split proposed for the City of Lompoc and surrounding area.

It is obvious to me, from the first-draft map, that the Commission does not understand that Lompoc, including Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village, is a contiguous population center that should not be split up for representation in the State Assembly and Senate.

PLEASE KEEP US WHOLE!

Robert D. Manning

[REDACTED]

Lompoc, CA 93436

Cell [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting FAIRLY is the key to "Restoring Voter Integrity"

From: Shirley Eyre <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:09:20 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission - Keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County. I am disgusted with how the Central Coast and Santa Barbara County in particular has been treated with regards to its districts.

I urge when redistricting that there be one Assembly District in SB County and two in Ventura County. The 33rd SLO District could go north along the coast in Monterey County vs cutting SB County in half.

I vote and I have a voice!

Shirley Eyre

[REDACTED]
Solvang, CA 93463

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Ken Ostini [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:40:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ken Ostini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed redistricting

Message Body:

The proposal to split the City of Lompoc in both the Senate and Assembly districts is totally unfair to the voters of Lompoc. Please relook these boundaries and keep Lompoc whole, we are working hard to help our community prosper and grow. We need one voice for a united community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Nicholas Cooper <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:45:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nicholas Cooper <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Spliting Lompoc

Message Body:

Hi I was born bread and raised here in Lompoc. I don't get it. Seam to me that Lompoc is alwas getting the shaft. I live on the south east side of town. If you know Lompoc then you know that the south side in general gets the shaft. What was a thriving part of the community has died off. And this just seams tobe one more nail in the coffin. Can't you just leave Lompoc alone for once.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: "Dr & Mrs. John Sawyer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:17:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dr & Mrs. John Sawyer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: proposed new voting districts

Message Body:

The commission has reached a totally unacceptable solution for the re-districting of Lompoc. The bisection of our city into two districts makes absolutely no sense. It is important that you keep cities and communities intact.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Robert Manning <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:49:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robert Manning <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Lompoc Lines

Message Body:

Your first draft has Lompoc split and that is not at all reasonable.

I thought part of the criteria was to keep communities whole and you did not do that in the first draft.

Lompoc, Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village along with the outlying areas around Lompoc are a political area and must be kept whole in Keeping with your criteria.

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Subject: Redistricting - Restoring Voter Integrity

From: Jeanette W <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:28:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I, Jeannette E. Watson, advocate that there be one Assembly District in SB County and two in Ventura County. Furthermore, the 33rd SLO District could go north along the coast in Monterey County thus avoiding cutting SB County in half. Please consider this request.

Jeannette

Subject: Public Input - Redistricting Hearing June 22, Oxnard

From: Helga Schmidt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:31:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members:

I am a registered voter and a resident homeowner of the City and County of Santa Barbara for more than 25 years. I strongly urge you to keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd SLO District north to Monterey County, and make two (2) Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Thank you!

Subject: Re-Districting Commission

From: James R Langley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:11:31 -0400

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I cannot make the meeting tonight in Oxnard, but let me strongly urge the Commission to consider Santa Barbara County as one district. I truly feel this would be in the best interest of the county and the best representation of its constituents. Thank you,

James R. Langley
Local Businessman

James R. Langley, CLU, M.A.
Agent
New York Life Insurance Company
[REDACTED], Santa Barbara, California 93111
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Subject: Redistricting - Santa Barbara County

From: "Eric Christianson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:18:24 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am unable to make tonight's meeting in Oxnard, but ask that every effort be made to keep Santa Barbara County whole and as one District.

My reasons are many but since this is so last minute, I ask that you consider my request.

Thank you for your hard work and for entertaining my request.

Regards,

Eric Christianson
Branch Manager
First Priority Financial

[REDACTED]

Solvang, CA 93463

O [REDACTED]

F [REDACTED]

C [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Terry Hammons <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:10:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Terry Hammons <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of the City of Lompoc

Message Body:

I oppose the splitting of the City of Lompoc for the purposes of redistricting. This would cause undo hardship on those that live in the city and the surrounding area. There should be one representative for the city at all levels of county, state and federal government.

I urge the committee to have the city with one representative at all levels of government.

Thank you,

Terry Hammons

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Subject: Don't Split SB County

From: "Jim Hurst" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:42:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Date: June 22, 2011

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

From: James Hurst

[REDACTED]
Goleta, CA 93117

I support one Assembly District in SB County and two in Ventura County. The 33rd SLO District should go north along the coast in Monterey County.

Counter to the voter mandate to keep districts within entities such as counties and cities, the commission proposes to split Santa Barbara County into two partial Assembly and Senate districts. The districting mandate was intended to keep our representatives as close as possible to voters of similar interests and needs. Splitting Santa Barbara County is not consistent with this goal.

Obviously, population equity between districts governs the divisions. However, it appears that similarity of interests in southern coastal Monterey County and SLO County are more compatible than those presently proposed.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

James Hurst

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Dennis Headrick <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:12:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dennis Headrick <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Lompoc, CA

Message Body:

In the first draft maps of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, the City of Lompoc was split into two district. In addition, the Senate district was split along different lines through the City than the Assembly District. Lompoc is still a relatively small town and dividing it between 2 separate districts is of no benefit to its citizens. I may be in one district, while my neighbor across the street may be in another. It's hard enough to keep track of one representative, much less two. When people ask who their representative is, they'll need to provide their address while someone looks it up on a districting map to determine who that representative is! Please keep the City of Lompoc whole and in one distinct district. Part of the Redistricting Commission's goal was to avoid "gerrymandering" accomplished in the past by politicians. The current plan simply perpetuates the "good old boy" gerrymander process.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Keep Santa Barbara County Whole!!

From: "Brian N. Kopeikin MD" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:30:52 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

The pre-released plan to divide the SB County Assembly district in half violates the basic premise of keeping communities intact and the spirit of the initiative passed by voters to end politically motivated districting. I predict if you proceed with this plan it will end up in court as another deeply divisive political manipulation of the voters will.

Please keep our community whole. The BIPARTISAN support for a contiguous Santa Barbara Assembly district should be honored/respected.

Brian N. Kopeikin MD
[REDACTED]
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Subject: FW: Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Lin Graf <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:10:16 -0400

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission,

I recommend that you keep SB County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County.

Thank You,

Lin Graf

[REDACTED]

Carpinteria, CA 93013

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Edwin Weston <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:55:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Edwin Weston <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

The City of Lompoc, population of about 40,000, should not be split down the middle as proposed. This is totally unacceptable. The City needs total representation. Election costs would be higher if it was split. What are they thinking?

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Input to Redistricting Commission

From: Melinda Johansson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:33:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a very involved and committed voter in Santa Barbara, I strongly urge the Redistricting Commission to keep Santa Barbara County whole, move the 33rd north to Monterey County and make two Assembly Districts in Ventura County. Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Melinda Johansson

[REDACTED]

From: Mary Ferris <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support

Message Body:

I support the work of the Commission in my area, with the exception of splitting the Lompoc area. We are so glad you are making an attempt to take the past politics gerrymandering out of redistricting.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Justin LeCavalier <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Lompoc being hacked up

Message Body:

Hello. This is a message to say that I think splitting Lompoc up is a bad thing. (I would be there in person to say this, but can not make the drive)

Also, let me point out, that Lompoc is not a prison. Yes we have a prison here, but many many people that live in Lompoc do not have any dealings with the prison. Many of the familys that have desided to live in Lompoc do so on two issues (Vandenburg AFB and closeness to Santa Barbara for work). Too state that we are only her because of the prison is like saying Santa Barbara is only there for the beach.

Please reconsider the plans to split Lompoc into two districts and zones. We deserve 1 voice speaking for us, not 2 that will not care (as we will not have the numbers enough for the districts to care).

Thank you for reconsidering splitting Lompoc City.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Lisa White <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Lompoc split

Message Body:

I protest the splitting of Lompoc into different districts for state and federal representation! Your own guidelines say a community should not be split and disenfranchised! There is NO reason to split a little town. Besides the fact that we'll have to look at twice as many election signs....

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: 35th Assembly District

From: Gregory Gandrud <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 10:47:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have lived, worked, and voted in the 35th Assembly District since 1988.

You have a great opportunity to create a 35th Assembly District which is comprised of all of Santa Barbara County. This would keep a number of communities whole and would ensure fair and balanced representation for the various minorities in Santa Barbara County.

Please do not split our county in half!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gandrud

[REDACTED]

Carpinteria, CA 93013

[REDACTED] x [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Mary Weston <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:58:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Weston <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

The City of Lompoc (population of 40,000) should not be split as proposed. The city should have equal representation. The election costs would also be higher. What are they thinking?

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Subject: Keep Santa Barbara County whole

From: Kathi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:49:42 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

"One person, one vote". The voters of my home area, the Santa Ynez Valley, deserve to have the same standard applied as the rest of the state. One of the goals of the redistricting commission is to create communities of interest within each district.

Thus, the Redistricting Commission should try harder to keep our county of Santa Barbara whole. This will allow for the better utilization of both state and federal services, which we too pay for as tax payers.

Keep Santa Barbara County whole, and please don't give in to political pressure to make our area once again a district in which the majority of voters do not understand our more rural lifestyle. If it is divided, I can only assume that our next representative will be able to live far away, as in Congressman Elton Gallegly's case.

He has been a so called representative who could not care less about us here in the Santa Ynez Valley. Once again, the voters of my area will suffer more disenfranchisement, as usual.

Thank you,
Kathi Heringer
Solvang

Subject: New District Lines

From: Peter Kruse <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:33:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the initial proposal for new district lines for the 33rd SLO Distirct and object to the present plan.

It makes much better sense to have one district for Santa Barbara County, two districts for Ventura County and the new 33rd district extending northward into Monterey County. Please keep our community of interests together and do not repeat the partisan mistakes of the past.

Thanks you for your consideration

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Peter H. Kruse

[REDACTED] office
[REDACTED] cell
[REDACTED]

Subject: Please don't splite Lompoc

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:30:27 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I am a resident Lompoc. I oppose your recommendation of splitting our city into two districts for State Assembly and Senate. We are one community and deserve equal representation by our elected officials. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Lingl

[REDACTED]
Lompoc, CA 93436

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Santa Barbara

From: Carol Benham <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 07:14:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Benham <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Lompoc intact

Message Body:

Commissioners,

The proposed congressional district for the city of Lompoc in Santa Barbara County is a vast improvement over the current 24th congressional district in which Lompoc is included. The new district is a compact, logical, commonsensical grouping of the adjoining counties of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties along the California coast.

But the proposed districts for Lompoc's representation in the State Assembly and Senate are deeply troubling. The Commission's first-draft maps split the city of Lompoc's population of 42,000 nearly in half, assigning each half to different assembly and senate districts.

The commission's criteria for redistricting includes the charge to keep cities and communities of interest intact. The proposed districts violate both those criteria.

Splitting a small city of 42,000 into two nearly equal pieces for representation in state districts is tantamount to stripping the city of the representation its residents and size deserve. The commission's new districts effectively place half of Lompoc residents in different districts. Neighbors on the same streets will reside in different districts as the districts boundaries stair-step throughout the city. Additionally, half of Lompoc's residents will be separated from adjoining spheres of influence – Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills, and Mesa Oaks residents who routinely shop, dine and travel a mile or two daily to the city of Lompoc.

The physical configurations of the assembly and senate districts for Lompoc show a long, narrow ribbon extending outward from the bulk of the district, apparently for the sole purpose of picking up half of Lompoc's population. Half of Lompoc's population will once again reside in the same district as the geographically dissimilar cities of Santa Paula, Ojai and Fillmore, making the new district similar to the unwanted gerrymandering of the existing 24th congressional district.

That is not an acceptable solution to the challenge of creating equitable, fair and commonsensical senate and assembly districts. I urge the commission to reconsider its first-draft maps and reconfigure the state assembly and senate districts to keep the city of Lompoc and the Lompoc Valley intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

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